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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-090123 A - Enclosed is an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived. Applicants have also included a machine translated version of JP 07-090123 A. An abstract was previously provided.

2. European Application No. 0 242 840 B1 - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 4,895,692, submitted herewith.

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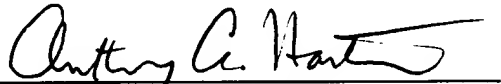
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